

NATURAL NEWS



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CENTER FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGE

ANTHROPOLOGY

Last week, the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved a joint Ph.D. program for the Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Department of Anthropology at The Field Museum. A key factor in the Board's decision to grant the Ph.D program was The Field Museum's participation. We have worked on this program for several years, and are very excited about this new opportunity to participate in post-graduate education in cultural anthropology, archaeology, and physical anthropology. Field Museum anthropology curators will become adjunct professors in the Graduate College at U.I.C., and U.I.C. professors will be given visiting curator status. Field museum curators will now serve as full members of doctoral committees. This will enhance our ability to continue our commitment to research and education in the Chicago area.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

1995 PARKING STICKERS ARE HERE

Security will be issuing the 1995 Parking Stickers at both the North and West Doors on Tuesday January 17, and again on Wednesday, January 18, at the following times:

West Door	6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Both Tuesday & Wednesday
North Door	7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Both Tuesday & Wednesday

Please pick up your new sticker(s) during these specific times. If for some reason you are unable to pick up your new sticker on the above dates and times, please go to the Security Equipment Office after Wednesday, January 18 to receive your sticker.

FOR VOLUNTEERS

For those of you who are not working on the above listed dates and times, please pick up your sticker from the Volunteer Coordinator Office. Please make every effort to pick up your new sticker at the North or West Doors. Thanks!

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

The Institutional Advancement area announces two departures from the Museum by employees who are making career changes:

Beth Mylander (Tours) has accepted a position with the Preservation Committee for the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio (Taliesin) in Spring Green, Wisconsin. Her last day is today.

Jan Shucart (Women's Board) will be the new Director of Special Events at Hull House. Her last day is next Friday, January 20.

We say farewell with much appreciation for their work at the Museum and wish them both the very best in their new endeavors.

Willard E. White
Vice President for
Institutional Advancement

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

September, 1994

Eugene Dillenburg	Museum Affairs	5 years
Richard Kendra	Engineering	5 years
William Simpson	Geology	15 years

December, 1994

Paul Baker	Program Development	5 years
Leonard Baugard	Visitor Services	5 years
Josef Duanah	Security Services	10 years
Nancy Hensold	Botany	5 years

January, 1995

Paul Countryman	Exhibits	5 years
Martina Hough	Exhibits	5 years
Anita Purnell	Visitor Services	5 years
Levertia Short	Museum Store	10 years
Ruben Villanueva	Housekeeping	5 years



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

September 28, 1994

On September 28, 1994, The Field Museum honored the dedication of its employees at an annual recognition luncheon for long service employees and retirees. It is through the dedicated efforts of our staff that the Museum is such a great institution. Sandy Boyd, President, hosted the luncheon which was held in the Founders' Room. As always, Lionel Dunn from Security Services provided grand musical entertainment for the luncheon. Also present were honored staff members' guests, a department representative of the retiree, and area vice presidents. (The staff members' names are listed on the insert.)



Anita Morgan attended the group luncheon but missed the group photo.



HONORED RETIREE
ROBERT T. CHELMOWSKI

Bob joined the Museum on April 22, 1982 after a twenty year career with the United States Army. Bob joined the Museum Store team and helped to manage the stock rooms. Prior to Bob's working for the Museum Stores, the stock rooms were quite disorganized. Through hard work and dedication, Bob cleaned up the stock rooms and managed to keep a tight control on millions of dollars of inventory. The Museum was the grateful benefactor of Bob's lifetime of experience. Bob retired from the Museum on April 4, 1994, and he is missed by his friends and co-workers. We all extend our thanks to Bob for twelve years of service to the Museum.



HONORED RETIREE
JOSE S. GALVAN

Jose began his employment at The Field Museum on June 17, 1987 in the Housekeeping Department. Jose primarily worked the second shift doing "relief" or project work for the department. As a result, Jose knew the entire building and always supported the department and his co-workers in guaranteeing a safe and clean environment to all. Jose contributed greatly to the enhancement of our environment. In recognition of his outstanding public service, Jose was named Housekeeping Ambassador of the Month in April, 1992. In 1993, Jose moved to the first shift to better serve the public areas during peak visiting hours. Jose retired from the Museum on March 25, 1994 and we all join in wishing him a long, healthy, and happy retirement. We extend our thanks to Jose for his years of service to our guests, staff, and visitors, and know his days will be full enjoying his children and grandchildren.

STAFF MEMBERS HONORED AT EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON September 28, 1994

RETIREES

Robert Chelmowski, Museum Store
Jose Galvan, Housekeeping
Edward Penciak, Engineering
George Petrik, Maintenance
Jose Preciado, Security Services

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Howard Bezin, Exhibits
Robert Cantu, Education
Howard Langford, Visitor Services
Christine Niezgoda, Botany
Michael Shouba, Maintenance
Daniel Summers, Zoology/Insects

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Arnold Barnes, Security Services
Marlene Donnelly, Scientific Illustration
Pat Phillips, Finance & Administration
Bill Simpson, Geology
Joe Vallejo, Security Services
Elise Willoughby Williams, Museum Store

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Marilyn Cahill, Membership
Josie Compton, Security Services
Jim Croft, Finance & Administration
Janeen Devine, Library
Josef Duanah, Security Services
Calvin Gray, Exhibits
Cynthia Gulley, Special Events
Kim Michelle Holmes, Museum Store
Anita Morgan, Education
Scott Lidgard, Geology
Mary Anne Rogers, Zoology/Fishes
Kevin Swagel, Zoology/Fishes

UNABLE TO ATTEND

Pearl Delacoma, Membership - *Retiree*
Robert Inger, Zoology/Amphibians & Reptiles - *Retiree*
Beverly Scott, Exhibits - *Retiree*
Dianne Maurer, Zoology/Birds - *40 years of service*
Zbigniew Jastrzebski, Scientific Illustration - *25 years of service*
Steve Grissom, Security Services - *20 years of service*
Elizabeth Moore, Botany - *20 years of service*
Phyllis Rabineau, Exhibits - *20 years of service*
Thomas Geary, Purchasing - *15 years of service*
Sheryl Heidenreich, Anthropology - *15 years of service*
Jessica Newman, Exhibits - *15 years of service*
Clifford Augustus, Security Services - *10 years of service*
Lucy Bukowski, Budget Department - *10 years of service*
Louis Waters, Museum Store - *10 years of service*

HONORED RETIREE - PEARL DELACOMA
UNABLE TO ATTEND

Mrs. Pearl Delacoma joined The Field Museum as part of a team of five telephone solicitors on June 1, 1975, beginning her new career at the ripe young age of seventy. From the start, her friendly voice and mild manner won over former members and new friends to join our membership family. In addition to gentle solicitation, Pearl has been a front-line service representative, answering questions, correcting errors, and promoting Museum programs. She has welcomed new members and surveyed longtime Life members, always graciously and with genuine enjoyment. Pearl retired on August 4, 1994. Over the past nineteen years, Mrs. Rogers, as she was known to her prospects, has invited an estimated 133,000 people to experience The Field Museum. Many of them have written letters in testimony of her success. We all join in wishing her success and good health in the future and to thank her for her loyal efforts on behalf of the Museum.

HONORED RETIREE - BEVERLY C. SCOTT
UNABLE TO ATTEND

Bev joined The Field Museum on January 2, 1968 as Secretary to the Business Manager - Administration. In 1979, she transferred to Exhibition/Design & Production where she remained until her retirement on January 7, 1994. Bev used to be teased she did it backwards: She started at the top and worked her way down! Bev knew everything about how the Museum works and she knew everybody. It was Bev who photo-documented Design & Production for the bulletin board, cleaned up after them, yelled at them for various good reasons, visited and called staff when they were sick, and cheered along the infamous softball team. And, this was all after the ordinary tedium of time sheets and late policy stats, correspondence, messages, budgets, etc. Design & Production depended on her in so many ways. Her friends and colleagues miss her. We all join in wishing her success and good health in the future, and thank her for twenty-six years of service to the Museum.



**HONORED RETIREE
JOSE PRECIADO**

Joe joined the Museum on April 5, 1969 as a Security Officer I. Throughout the years, Joe received a number of promotions due to his outstanding performance, and retired on March 1, 1994 as a Security Officer IV Specialist. During his tenure with the Museum, Joe became one of the most respected and well liked members of The Field Museum Security staff. Joe's relentless dedication to the Museum goals was extremely self-evident in the relationships he developed not only among staff, but also visitors. His selfless, helpful, and pleasant disposition was endless. Joe epitomized the true essence of a public service representative. Joe is greatly missed by his friends and co-workers, and we all join in wishing him a long, healthy, and happy retirement. We extend our thanks to Joe for twenty-five years of service to the Museum.



**HONORED RETIREE
EDWARD J. PENCIK**

Prior to Ed's joining The Field Museum, he worked for Union Carbide. His plant was closed, and Ed had the option of relocating or being retrained as an engineer. He obtained his engineering license and began his employment at the Museum on August 17, 1983 as a Stationary Engineer. We are grateful for his decision because Ed was an excellent staff member on our graveyard shift (11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.). Ed was never late and rarely missed a day of work. Ed planned his work assignments well, and we knew we were in good hands when Ed was on duty; he has extensive HVAC experience, displayed sound judgement, and responded to problems quickly and efficiently. Ed retired on March 25, 1994 and we thank him for eleven years of service to the Museum.



**HONORED RETIREE
GEORGE C. PETRIK**

George joined the Museum Maintenance Department on February 3, 1964 as a Craftsman III. In January 1975, George was promoted to Craftsman IV. George was very versatile in his skills but was particularly talented as a carpenter. He could handle all types of woodworking: framing doors and walls, partitions, cabinetry, or other fine carpentry. He performed most of the maintenance to our doors and conducted our door lock repairs. George considered the Museum his home away from home and the staff persons as a second family. We all miss George and join in thanking him for thirty years of dedicated service to the Museum. We know he will be enjoying his summer home in Wisconsin and puttering in woodworking projects!

**HONORED RETIREE - ROBERT F. INGER
UNABLE TO ATTEND**

Dr. Inger retired on September 1, 1994 after forty-eight years of distinguished service to The Field Museum. Bob joined the staff on January 10, 1946. Bob is a skilled naturalist and world authority on the systematics and natural history of amphibians and reptiles, especially of the far east and most recently in Malaysia on the Island of Borneo. Bob has distinguished himself in the scientific community for his important and insightful papers on biogeography, systematic and faunal studies, and ecology and conservation of rainforest communities. He has published more than 110 scientific papers and books. This body of published scholarly work has forever altered the ways scientists work and view the world. Throughout his career, Bob has made important contributions to scientific societies, the national scientific infrastructure, and society. His service at The Field Museum has been no less herculean. In recognition of all of Bob Inger's accomplishments, he was given the honorary appointment as Field Museum's **first** Distinguished Scientist in 1989. In 1992, Bob was named MacArthur Curator, Amphibians and Reptiles. Bob's retirement marks only a waypoint in his scientific journey and career. Bob is continuing his vigorous research program and is currently in the field in Sarawak (Island of Borneo). In anticipation of his many forthcoming scientific discoveries and contributions, Bob has been appointed as Curator Emeritus of the department of Zoology. We all wish Bob many happy years of fruitful scientific endeavors.

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STEVE GOODMAN REPORTS FROM MADAGASCAR

Steve Goodman (Zoology) has just reported back to Chicago from Madagascar, where he is continuing his programs of training for Malagasy biologists and research on biodiversity and conservation. In two recent faxes, he reported the following.

I got back to town about two weeks ago from an excellent field trip to Anjanaharibe-Sud, an unknown forest in the northeast (of Madagascar). Lots of interesting things. We found a healthy population of Allocebus, a lemur known only from a few specimens and one or two post-19th century records. The small mammal work was also most productive. We were able to get material of several Microgale species (a small tenrec) that were previously poorly represented in collections, what appears to be at least one previously unknown species of Microgale, and material of a rodent ... that appears to be a second species of the undescribed genus that we discovered last year.

I have also been down to the old, dry lake fossil site at Tolaria for a first look, and the site is extremely rich. There are remains of lots of extinct animals, including a giant land tortoise, two genera of elephant birds, dwarf hippos, two genera of giant lemurs, and who knows what else. Hopefully, in February or March I will conduct an excavation with students from the university.

I start teaching in two days an intensive one-month course on comparative osteology of Malagasy vertebrates. Everything else is fine. The market is filled with wonderful tropical fruits from the coast, and temperate-zone fruits from the high plateau. It is hard to ask for more. All the best for the new year to everyone.



INSURANCE BENEFITS REMINDER

Open Enrollment insurance forms are due in to the Personnel Office **TODAY, Friday, January 13, 1995** -- even if you are not making changes to your existing coverage. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Noe (X526) in Benefits.

NEW JOB OPENINGS

Below are the latest job opportunities in the Museum. For further information and previous job openings, please check the Career Opportunities listing published by the Personnel Department.

Membership Manager
Women's Board Coordinator
Mailroom Supervisor
Secretary II -Tours
MS Science II (Verification Technician) -- Zoology/Fishes
MS Science III (Preparator of Fossil Vertebrates) -- Geology

To The Field Museum staff:

Though I am moving on, I want you to know that this is a hard place to leave. From my first day at The Field Museum until today, my last, I have felt welcomed and supported by the whole spectrum of people who work here. I will miss this rare community of friends a great deal. Thank you -

Beth Mylander

ANY COMMENTS ON OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM?

Plans are developing for an expanded and improved recycling program at the Field Museum. If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints regarding the current recycling program, please direct them to **Bill Stanley** in Mammals or **Mary Anne Rogers** in Fishes. Thanks!

-- The Recycling Committee

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